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What Victoria Would Lose

How Withdrawal of Naval Squadron and Reduction of Station Affects City.

Great Sums Spent Amongst the Merchants by Some Former Flagships.

Theories and Conjectures at the Naval Village — Packing Perishables.

NO question of the day is discussed with livelier interest in Victoria than that concerning the effect upon the trade of the city by the withdrawal of the naval squadron and the reduction of the station to the lowest limits of occupation. From conversations with a number of merchants and manufacturers in the city, it is clear that the changes are regarded by those merchants in a very serious light. The loss of business in the aggregate will reach a considerable total, and some individual losses will be very heavy.

The amount of business done by the naval yard, and the vessels of the fleet while they had their headquarters here, may be better understood when it is pointed out that H. M. S. Warspite, taken on shipyard repairs recently, spent in Victoria annually seventy thousand pounds sterling, or \$350,000. This, it must be remembered was the contribution of one war vessel alone. What the total for the squadron would be during their stay must be left to conjecture, but at very fair estimate may be formed from the foregoing figures.

But another point that should not be overlooked is that the \$350,000 mentioned was for what may be termed necessities, staples, things usually required for the daily running of the vessel. The officers and crew must have contributed in a very substantial manner to the city's receipts through the channels of entertainment, the purchase of luxuries and so forth. In short, the actual monetary loss to Victoria through the evacuation of the Pacific naval station must run into many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Another point not to be overlooked is the effect which the presence of the naval vessels here had upon the tourist traffic. Undoubtedly thousands of American tourists visited Victoria with no other object than to inspect those ships of war, and, probably, compare them with the vessels of their own navy. So that the departure of the squadron has robbed Victoria of one of its most attractive items for the tourist and traveler. From remarks dropped by gentlemen connected with the naval department there would seem to be some ground for the belief that this invasion may not be of a permanent character, and that the next first lord of the admiralty might dispose of the ships of the navy on an even more generous scale than under the old dispensation.

The remedy for the serious loss that has overtaken the business community of Victoria by the recent action of the naval authorities, is entirely in the hands of Victoria's enterprising merchants themselves. Say some of the more enterprising who have been spoken to on the subject. The importance of some action being taken is recognized by all, and the hope is generally expressed that a way out of the difficulty may be found before long.

FROM ESQUIMALT'S VIEWPOINT.
At Esquimalt, doubtless the official staff is still awaiting definite announcement of the admiralty's plans, from which the fate of the British Columbia naval station will be learned. There still is hope, for although the preliminary direction has been received by cable to have all portable supplies packed for shipment, either home or to some one or more of the major foreign stations, these orders are not yet supplemented by instructions to send forward. And there is as yet no order for such a stripping of the yard of its machinery, staple supplies and equipment as would be necessary precedent to abandonment of the yard as an effective factor in the general scheme of Imperial defence. Comfort is drawn from the fact that Esquimalt is not specifically mentioned in the published official memoranda touching the contemplated reductions, and that dismantling of the yard has not yet been suggested. Of course, the fact that Esquimalt is not mentioned with speculation as to the fate of the naval port, and arguments to suit each particular view of the situation are everywhere advanced with confidence.

In the first place, it is held apparently by the majority, no local considerations enter into or have weight with the admiralty in regard to the prospective changes. If Esquimalt be reduced or eliminated, it will be because business reasons are held to dictate expenditure elsewhere as better for the security of the empire and the peace of the world. It does not do to have the men and the ships of the flag scattered at isolated and widely separated points, which would not tactically be liable to an enemy's attention. The new policy of the admiralty is obviously to keep Great Britain's naval force well in hand ready to strike quickly at the vulnerable point should any foreign power menace her interests or prestige. Esquimalt would not be looked upon as like to come within the sphere of activities, but would have to be considered chiefly in ratio to its importance on the line of Imperial inter-communication. It might thus demand exceptional treatment in view of its distance and inaccessibility from home ports; and it might, therefore, be very well decided to preserve Esquimalt dockyards, intact and thoroughly equipped, in charge of a maintenance party, even if temporarily closed.

The general view at Esquimalt would appear to be that the ultimate fate of the station must depend very largely upon the outcome of the Russo-Japanese war—and the naval importance of Hongkong also to a large extent. The object of maintaining a powerful British squadron in Asiatic waters is chiefly to keep Russia in check; and if the Russian power should be broken by Japan, Great Britain would naturally leave the safeguarding of her interests in the Orient very largely in the hands of her strenuous new ally. The importance of Esquimalt, it is further urged, would be correspondingly lessened by Japanese victory.

On the secondary point as to the effect of the withdrawal or reduction of the naval station at Esquimalt upon the military branch here, service opinions differ widely. There are those who see in the amended naval plan, imperative reason for a material augmentation of the military force for the protection of the Imperial highway across Canada; others maintain that the army and its

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Admiral Togo Now At Tokio

Chief Commander of Japanese Fleet Gets Fine Reception on Arrival at Capital.

More Particulars About the Capture of the Great Rihlung Fort.

TOKIO, Dec. 30.—Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura, with their staffs, arrived at the Shimbass station at 9:20 o'clock today. Their journey from Kure to Tokio was a continuous triumph. The streets were filled and the city gaily decorated with flags, lanterns and New Year's decorations. Representatives of the Emperor and Empress, Prince Fushimi, jun., elder statesmen, prominent politicians and the congratulatory children greeted the arrival of the naval hero, and at the station the presidents of both houses of the Diet presented them with resolutions of commendation passed by their respective branches of parliament.

The quiet grey uniform of Admiral Togo, in a blue service uniform, seemed embarrassed at the noisy ovation. Rear Admiral Shimamura, chief of staff, laughingly rebuffed Vice Admiral Kamimura, the junior officers, and the thousands of school children closed in on Admiral Togo and they were frequently forced to push the crowd backward in an endeavor to clear the reaching hands. Finally Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura were freed from their enthusiastic admirers and surrounded by officers they advanced the carriage sent by the Emperor to the station to convey the distinguished party to the palace.

As Admiral Togo appeared a great shout arose, hats were thrown in the air, arms were raised, "banzai" was cried. Preceded by gendarmes, the party drove under triumphal arch, waving flags and discharging fireworks through the cheering crowds to the navy department where a brief stop was made, during which the congratulatory of the ministers were received and future victories were toasted.

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FOR PURITY IN POLITICS

Best Citizenship of Canada Is Against the Political Machine.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—An interesting joint conference of the committees appointed by the Farmers' Association of Ontario and the Ontario Educational Association today began its session in Victoria university. The object is to discuss the best method of purifying elections in the Dominion.

Prof. Milner, of Toronto university, read a paper on "Machine Politics," in which he pointed out that in the present order of things the people did not govern, but a few aggressive elements did. Apathy and listlessness in politics were the greatest dangers of democracy.

Clarence Burwash emphasized the difference between legitimate organization for the support of good government and a discredited machine, which existed only to secure victory for the party.

Mr. W. L. Smith believed the campaign fund and electioneering to be proportionately larger in the United States.

Dr. Smale estimated that a hundred thousand dollars would pay for the legitimate expenses of a campaign in Ontario, but at present it cost five times that amount.

CAPITALIZATION INCREASED.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—The Bank of Nova Scotia has decided to increase its capital from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000.

EASY MONEY.

Forgers of Bank of England Paper in the Toils.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The city police this morning arrested two important members of an international gang who for two or three years have been busy conducting extensive forgeries in five-pound Bank of England notes, large quantities of which, it is said, have been put in circulation in America and the continent. One of the men arrested is an Englishman who is charged with being the manufacturer of the notes and lived in the East End. The police are shadowing a number of foreigners who are believed to be in London with the intent of obtaining fresh supplies of the counterfeit.

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WESTHAM ISLAND IS INUNDATED

Rainstorm and Tide Conquer the Dyke With Disastrous Results.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Westham Island, one of the largest islands in the Fraser river delta, is being uprooted and practically all under cultivation is covered by from two to three feet of water. Last night a severe storm was blowing on the Gulf, and the tides were rather high. The latter alone were a severe test on the Westham Island dyke, but the buffeting by the waves was too heavy for the dyke and an opening was made. The waters rushed in and the whole island was soon flooded. The amount of the damage cannot be estimated at this evening, but it will be large as much hay and grain stored on the island will be ruined. The loss of stock will also be heavy and those who went into sheep raising will suffer most.

Joe King, alias Clarke, who is badly wanted by the police of several cities, was captured by New Westminster and Bellingham, made a bold dash across the Westminster bridge over the Fraser river at 2 o'clock this morning. He had secured a rig and dashed past the officials on the bridge at a fast rate. It is thought that he is heading for the international and the police there are on the watch.

RAIL IS OFFERED.

Actress Shortly To Visit Victoria Seeks Inexpensive Advertising.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—May Irwin, the actress, has offered to furnish rail in any amount up to \$50,000 for the release of Nan Patterson from the Tombs prison, when she is now held, charged with the murder of Caesar Young, according to an announcement made by Miss Patterson's counsel, Miss Irwin today and left a letter addressed to the former show girl, and the announcement was followed a few minutes after Miss Irwin went away. When District Attorney Jerome's attention was called to the offer of bail, he said he had no statement to make, and was not prepared to take Miss Patterson's bail before the recent trial was \$20,000, but after the jury's disavowal of the charge, he would not bail.

MADE IT UNANIMOUS.

Bucharest, Roumania, Dec. 30.—At today's session of the Senate Premier Sturdza announced that the whole cabinet had resigned owing to the resignations of the ministers of finance and of domains.

NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

Divide Honors Equitably Between Government and Opposition.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30.—Two bye-elections for the Legislature took place today. In St. John City, Maxwell, Opposition, defeated St. Anne, Government, by 96, and in St. John County, Lowell, Government, was elected over Agar, Opposition, by 377. The city seat is a loss to the Government.

THREE CENT FARES.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 30.—The Cleveland Electric Railway Co. will experiment in three cent fares for a distance of two miles from the centre of the city on the lines of that road. The three cent fare will run only the three cent fare distance. The regular five cent fares will go the regular distance. The experiment is the first of its kind in the history of the city and is of special interest in street car circles. No transfer will be given for a three cent fare.

RELEASED ON BAIL.

Magistrate Harryett, of North Hastings, Obtains Satisfactory Sureties.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 30.—Ex-Police Magistrate Samuel Harryett, of Banorcroft, who has been in the county jail since Friday, December 9, in connection with the Rogers bullet box case, was last night liberated on bail. The sureties were himself in \$10,000 and four others in \$2,500 each. The latter were his two brothers, James and Henry Harryett, John Kelmusky and Charles Stagner. All the parties reside in North Hastings.

Britain Now Storm Swept

Fierce Gale From Atlantic Roaring Over the United Kingdom.

Mountainous Seas Are Reported all Along the Coasts.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A fierce gale from the Atlantic swept over the United Kingdom this morning. Mountainous seas are reported along the coasts.

At Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, the Danish steamer Alabama dragged her anchors this morning in a northerly gale and stranded on Peninsula point. Her engine room and the stoke hold sections are flooded. She is leaking forward and is listed to starboard.

A small vessel with a crew of ten men foundered during the gale off Plamborough Head, Yorkshire, on the North Sea. Several minor shipping accidents have also been reported.

Much damage was done inland. Telegraph and telephone lines are down and communications are interrupted with the provinces and some parts of the continent. A number of accidents in London, due to flying debris, have been reported.

Yesterday's gales resulted in an abnormally high wind on the eastern coast, and the Thames estuary, producing serious floods in the low lying parts of London, where hundreds of washouts occurred and serious damage was done. It was the highest tide at London for many years, the water almost oversweeping the Thames embankment and the stairs of the Cleopatra's Needle being covered.

POOR SHOT FURNISHED.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30.—Louis Hazer today was convicted of attempt to murder and sentenced to the state prison at Jackson for life. In attempting to kill his wife in a bakery on Dec. 2nd, he shot a woman, and later shot a policeman and a woman. All his victims have recovered.

REFORMERS NOT WANTED

Patriotic Russian Statesman Retires—Prince Gallitzen a Prisoner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald, he has reliable information that Prince Sviatopolk Mirsky, the minister of the interior, is determined to resign. This under the circumstances of the last few days will surprise no one. M. Glasov, minister of education, is likewise to retire. He said: "The situation of affairs has gone beyond my comprehension." M. Lukianoff, a bacteriologist, will be his successor.

Prince Gallitzen, mayor of Moscow, has been handed over to justice to answer for his too liberal speech before the Duma.

[Prince Gallitzen, referred to in the above despatch, visited Victoria some 12 or 14 years ago, on his way back to Russia from Tibet, in which mysterious country he had been lost to the world for upwards of a decade. He is believed to have a fuller and broader knowledge of the Thibetians than any other European. After his reappearance he was appointed governor of trans-Caucasia, and while filling this high office had a narrow escape from assassination by a murderous fanatic. He showed himself in many of his published writings a friend of socialism that is moderate, rational and progressive.]

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

President Roosevelt Considering Appointments To Be Made in March.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt is devoting some of his present to consideration of important appointments in the diplomatic and consular service of the government, which are to be made formally by him next March. While no official announcement of the president's intention yet has been made, it is known that he has decided upon several changes. Jos. H. Choate, ambassador to the Court of St. James, has advised that he does no longer desire to continue there. General Horace Porter, American ambassador to France, will retire. No announcement regarding General Porter's successor has yet been made. Minister Conger will be succeeded at Peking by Vin. W. Rockhill. John K. Gowdy, American minister at Paris, will be succeeded by Frank H. Mason, who now is consul-general to Berlin.

Day's News At Ottawa

Hon. Mr. Blair Confirms the Reports of His Intentions Professionally.

No Hand In Provincial Politics Is Sir Wilfrid's New Motto

Customs Changes at Whitehorse—Plans for Canada's Mint.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Hon. A. G. Blair tonight confirmed the report that he had accepted a directorship on the board of the Toronto Roller Bearing Company, and will also act as counsel for that company. Mr. Blair will continue to make his residence in Ottawa and expects to take up law practice here, devoting himself to railway commission, corporation and parliamentary work.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was seen this morning in regard to a despatch from Quebec which said that as a result of his visit, Premier Parent would retire and Hon. Mr. Gouin would succeed him. The premier denied absolutely the truth of the despatch. He declared that he had nothing to do with the affairs of the local legislatures. He made the statement that he strongly disapproved of the attacks on Mr. Parent, and said so to all whom he met in Quebec.

The position of military secretary in the militia department has been abolished. Lieut.-Colonel E. Smith, who has hitherto held that office, will be specially employed in the adjutant general's branch.

E. Wart, chief architect of the public works department, has gone to Washington to examine the plans for the preparation of plans for the royal mint in Ottawa.

Captain Thacker, Canadian military attaché in Japan, has been heard from. He and several others have been in the hospital in Tokio, but is now en route home.

The following candidates passed the qualification civil service examination in November at Victoria: Robert John Hart and Robert H. Hall.

Fred McLennan, customs collector at Whitehorse, has been appointed measuring surveyor of shipping.

The Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Co. will apply next session for an extension of time.

VICTIMS OF THE WINDS.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—During a recent storm in Northern Germany, four persons were killed and a number injured by collapsing walls.

DESPONDENCY AND DEATH.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Jacob Weiss, of West Webster, Monroe County, 45 years old, shot himself through the head tonight with a revolver in a rooming house on West Main street. Later he died. Despondency was the cause.

FIXING RESPONSIBILITY.

Cause of Explosion on U. S. S. Massachusetts Officially Assigned.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—The coroner's jury today found that the explosion which occurred on December 13th on the battleship Massachusetts, in the League island navy yard, resulting in the loss of three lives, was due to the negligence of Peter Anderson, a boiler maker. The verdict was rendered on the testimony of John S. Lukens, chief of the bureau of steamboat inspectors, who said that Anderson had attempted to do his work at a time when the pressure of steam in the boilers was 75 pounds, which is entirely too high for safety.

COASTGUARD HEROES.

Bring Safely To Shore Entire Crew of The Lost Northeastern.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 30.—The steamship Northeastern, which was wrecked Tuesday night on Inner Diamond Shoals, and whose crew was brought safely ashore yesterday through nine miles of rough sea by life-savers, has been given up as a total loss. Everything belonging to the ship and crew is lost, including the ship's papers and logbook. The rescue of the twenty-two men from the Northeastern by the U. S. life-savers from Hatteras and Kinnelon, under Captains Etheridge and Peel, is a record breaker in the annals of the Virginia coast. The life-savers pulled their surf boats over 18 miles to land the crew, and without the loss of a man, and each boat carried 20 men on the return trip.

DIVERS OPINIONS.

Prevail Among British Writers As To Copyright Question.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Standard, having opened its columns to a discussion of the alleged injustice to the British by the American copyright law, many writers are airing their views on the subject, without, however, displaying any unanimity regarding a remedy. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is for and Hall Caine is against the American law. Andrew Lang confesses that the whole question of protection is too metaphysical for him. The single point upon which there is a semblance of agreement is in the suggestion of Mrs. W. K. Clifford, approved by Hall Caine and others, that a clause should be inserted in the American law giving British as well as foreign authors the privilege of copyright within a year.

SAVED BY A SNOWBANK.

William Donovan Has a Unique and Thrilling Experience.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 30.—To fall 70 feet from a roof into a snowbank in mid-air and finally land unhurt in the middle of a snowbank was the experience of William Donovan this morning. Donovan is employed by a bridge company, and was at work on a high building at Windmill Point. Underneath the snow had drifted to a depth of several feet, and it is to the kindly offices of the snow that Donovan owes his life. He clutched wildly at a piece of scaffolding as he made his downward plunge, but the work had the effect of merely making him turn a complete somersault in the air. Donovan finally plunged feet foremost into the snow, and when his fellow-workmen ran to rescue him they found their companion sitting in a dazed condition in the middle of the drift. Donovan was removed to the hospital but it was found that the man was suffering from nothing but the shock consequent upon his remarkable experience.

THE LAST DAY OF THE GRAND TOMBOLA.

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Gets Advices Of Naval Changes

Text of Admiralty's Notice of the New Imperial Naval Policy.

Pacific Fleet Not Included in the New Scheme of the Lord Commissioners.

The text of the letter received by Commodore Goodrich with reference to the naval changes, involving reduction of the Esquimaux squadron and the virtual abandonment of the station, is as follows:

My lords commissioners of the admiralty having had under their consideration the organization of reserve ships so that they may be instantly ready for war, have determined to adopt a system the outlines of which are given below. The system will come into operation on the 1st January, 1905. A number of ships will not be mobilized as part of the fighting fleet, and will be disposed of as my lords may hereafter determine. In the meantime, in order that they may not occupy valuable room in the dockyard ports, they will be sent to the various berths assigned to them, after which no more money will be spent on them. These ships are to be moored with their own crews and cables. Caretakers will be provided. An officer from the admiralty will be appointed to supervise the arrangements for mooring these ships. He will confer with the commanders-in-chief at the home ports both as to the present and as to the details of despatching them to their destinations.

THE EFFECTIVE WAR FLEET.

The War fleet will be divided in peace time into two parts, viz:

(a) the fleet in commission at sea.

(b) the fleet in commission in reserve.

THE FLEET IN COMMISSION AT SEA.

The fleets and squadrons will be as follows, the nomenclature being changed as shown:

The Home fleet, which will be renamed the Channel fleet, and be based on the home ports.

The Channel fleet, which will be renamed the Atlantic fleet, and be based on Gibraltar, where all repairs will be carried out.

The Mediterranean fleet.

The Eastern fleet, which will be renamed the Indian fleet, and be based on the Cape of Good Hope station.

The present cruiser squadron, which will be renamed the first cruiser squadron, and one now being constituted, which will be called the second cruiser squadron.

The large cruisers on the Mediterranean station will be known as the third cruiser squadron.

A particular service squadron will be formed, and will be under the command of the present commander-in-chief, North America and West Indies station, with headquarters, when at home, at Devonport. This squadron will cruise in the Atlantic.

Applies from torpedo craft, respecting which a subsequent communication will be made to you, the following vessels will be kept in commission in home waters:

One "Edgar" class, Navigation school, Thetis "Edgar" class, seagoing tenders to gunnery schools.

One "Arrogant" class, seagoing tender to "Vernon."

One "Hermes" class, seagoing tender to Royal Naval College, Osborne.

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Two "Jason" class, R. N. R. drill ships.

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repairs. This will take about two months, but if more time is required a special report is to be made to the Lordships. After eight or nine years each ship will undergo No. 2 survey (estimated at the present No. 3 survey). This will take several months, and ships undergoing this survey will be paid off, their nucleus crews being quartered in barracks.

RELIEFS.

The period during which ships will remain in commission at sea in future is to be two years, instead of three years as heretofore. This will apply to all ships in commission at sea, and the system that has hitherto been in operation of keeping ships in home waters in permanent commission, with periodical changes of a portion of the crew (as in the late Channel and Home fleets and cruiser squadrons) is to be abolished. Consequently on the introduction of two years' commissions half the fleet in commission at sea will be relieved annually, and the relief will be distributed as evenly as possible throughout the year and between the three home ports. The principle of relieving ships at sea, and their aggregate crews equally between the three home ports will be maintained as hitherto. Ships of the Mediterranean and Atlantic fleets and cruiser squadrons, to be recommissioned. Those on other foreign stations will be relieved at some port about midway between England and their station.

The general lines on which relief will be worked are as follows: All ships will have nucleus crews appropriated to them as soon as they are ready for acceptance trials. These nucleus crews, augmented as necessary, will carry their ships through all trials, and will remain in them until ready for the pendant. On being ordered to commission, the ships will be relieved, completed to full complement, and except for changes due to wastage, invaliding, etc., no alteration should be made during the ensuing two years' commission. At the end of the two years' commission, the ship will pay off, and the crew will be dispersed to qualify or to be sent to gunnery and training schools if recommended by the relieving rates. The personnel of the fleet will be relieved, and the crew will be dispersed to qualify or to be sent to gunnery and training schools if recommended by the relieving rates. The personnel of the fleet will be relieved, and the crew will be dispersed to qualify or to be sent to gunnery and training schools if recommended by the relieving rates.

THE FLEET IN COMMISSION IN RESERVE.

All ships on the war list not in commission at sea will be kept in commission in reserve, with the exception of those undergoing a refit of long duration. The nucleus crews of the latter will be accommodated in barracks, and will be moved in the interim to the ships when they come forward for commission in reserve, when a nucleus crew will be told off afresh. Thus every ship in reserve will have its nucleus crew, consisting of the most important ranks and ratings. This will include a captain, a second in command and a proportion of the other officers, including the engineer, gunnery, navigating and torpedo officers. Each ship will have a nucleus crew of two-fifths of its war complement, but in this twofifths will be included all the more expert ratings, especially the torpedo ratings and the principal gun numbers. When mobilized for war these ships will, in accordance with present rules, be completed to full complement, and the nucleus crew will be the full complement will be active service ratings and 50 per cent. reserves, with the exception of the nine battleships in special reserve, which will be manned with one-third active service ratings, one-third royal fleet reserve, and one-third royal naval reserve. Torpedo craft as hitherto, will carry active service ratings only.

In addition to the above arrangements, a sufficient number of active service ratings will be maintained at each port to complete to full complement with active service ratings two battleships or two first-class cruisers in case of emergency, without dislocating the mobilization arrangements of the ports. This matter is again referred to under "Emergency Ships." The ships in reserve will be grouped in divisions, suitably distributed between the three home ports. Detailed orders as to the changes of ships from one port to another will be issued from time to time, as circumstances may require. For the present, one rear admiral will be appointed to command the ships in reserve at each port. Later on, as the number of ships in reserve increases, one rear admiral will be appointed to command the battleship division and one to command the cruiser division at each port. These flag officers will command the divisions on mobilization for war. So long as there is only one rear admiral at each port he would, on mobilization, command the battleship division, and the cruiser division would be commanded by my lords. They will be under the orders of the commander-in-chief of their respective home ports. Under this arrangement the fleet reserve, as at present constituted, will disappear. All ships in reserve (except those in dockyard hands undergoing a long refit) will have their nucleus crews on board, carry out harbor drills, etc., and be maintained in such readiness that on mobilization they will be left to the nucleus crews, as the crew has been made up to full complement. Each division will go to sea periodically for exercises, the ships being manned with their nucleus crews. On one of these occasions in each year a steam trial will be held, and the engine room staff being augmented as necessary for the purpose. The allowance of gun ammunition will be regulated later on. This does not apply to the battleship division, the expenditure of which will be left to the discretion of the commander-in-chief. The expenditure of gun ammunition will be regulated later on. This does not apply to the battleship division, the expenditure of which will be left to the discretion of the commander-in-chief. The expenditure of gun ammunition will be regulated later on. This does not apply to the battleship division, the expenditure of which will be left to the discretion of the commander-in-chief.

EMERGENCY SHIPS.

As already stated, provision has been made for a sufficient floating surplus of personnel in barracks to enable six battleships or first-class cruisers—two at each home port—to be fully commissioned on emergency, without dislocating general mobilization arrangements. As circumstances alone will govern decision as to whether these six ships shall be battleships or cruisers or whether the force will be a mixed squadron of battleships and cruisers, it will be necessary to maintain in readiness for emergency at each home port two battleships, two first-class cruisers, and two second-class cruisers. The following are to be regarded as emergency ships from the 1st January, 1905: alterations will be communicated from time to time.

Portsmouth—Canopus, Goliath, Powerful, Terrible.

Plymouth—Barfleur, Hood, Noble, Eurymachus.

Chatham—Repulse, Ramilles, King Alfred, Diadem.

Battleships in special reserve without nucleus crews:

Portsmouth—Colossus (special crew as gunnery school tender), Thunder, Devastation.

Plymouth—Anson, Benbow, Howe.

Chatham—Rodney, Camperdown, Edinburgh.

Rugby Dance—The Victoria Juniors intend to give their Vancouver friends a very pleasant time during their stay here. On Monday evening a dance in honor of the Terminal City boys will be held in A. O. U. W. hall, and a delightful time is anticipated. The dance will commence at 8.30.

Everything comes to him who waits, except the waiter.

As all ships in reserve on the war list will have nucleus crews appropriated to them when they are reported ready for acceptance trials, the duties hitherto performed by special navigating parties will be carried out by the nucleus crews. The turret ship tenders to gunnery schools, except the Colossus, will be disestablished. Turret ratings are to be instructed and employed on board ships in reserve, and all turret firing for instructional purposes is to be carried out from the Colossus, which will continue to be a tender to Excellent, and will generally be at Portland, returning as necessary to Portsmouth for coal, ammunition, stores, etc. Classes will be sent to her as required from the three gunnery schools, the ratings of the Colossus, with the approval of the commander-in-chief at Portsmouth, making the necessary arrangements to avoid overlap of classes. An order will be issued that the Colossus will be utilized for the purpose of the instruction of turret ratings in the manipulation of submerged torpedo-tubes at Chatham and Devonport, respectively. The Colossus will be manned with a nucleus crew, and be considered in all respects as ships in reserve. Commanders-in-chief at the home ports are to make the necessary arrangements for the use of these ships by the gunnery and torpedo schools. At Portsmouth one cruiser of the Arrogant class will be attached to the Vernon as seagoing tender.

REPEATS.

My lords have decided to adopt the following procedure with regard to refits: No ship will be generally refitted for more than thirty working days in each year. More than two battleships are to be absent at any one time from the Channel fleet, and the refitting of the latter at their home port for leave, and only one battleship at a time from the Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets is to be in dockyard hands for refit at Gibraltar and Malta, respectively. Such refits to be governed by the condition that these ships are to be ready for sea in cases of emergency and to be available for refit at any time. A longer period, when the desirability of turning over the crew to another vessel is considered, and will be carried out, if the refit will take more than thirty working days. The same procedure is to be adopted with regard to armored cruisers, and to the refitting of the latter. After four or five years each ship will undergo No. 1 survey at the time of the usual repairs.

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MAXINE ELLIOTT IN "HER OWN WAY"

A Play of Average Quality in the Fine Clyde Fitch Vein.

Typically "Clyde Fitch" is Maxine Elliott's made-to-order play of "Her Own Way," which was welcomed by a crowded house at the Victoria Theatre yesterday evening. That is to say, it has numerous character snapshots, occasional bright dialogue of a very natural order, and is introduced with a pleasing little novelty in stage creation and arrangement that puts the audience in good humor at once and fits them to receive what follows with friendly consideration at the least. Clyde Fitch almost invariably makes his hits in the first acts of his plays—and by some novelty. "The Glenside" it was, however, the drama of a trans-Atlantic liner served the purpose in "The Stubbornness of Geraldine"; it is the kiddie's party in "Her Own Way," and as graceful, fresh and altogether delightful an effect as any. This mingling of the little folk with their juvenile chatter, their free and easy comments upon their elders, and their naturalness constitute a dainty bit of playwriting's analysis and reproduction.

There are two notable new characters in the stage world in "Her Own Way"—Sam Coast and the hairdresser, the latter supplying the greater part of the comedy of the piece. The others are passably original as types, but these are a bit above the mark. The role of Sam Coast would be regarded by the audience as a "fat part." It has opportunities galore, and when not over-acted (for it would be very easy to make it degenerate into the trashiest impersonation of melodramatic villainy) it is worth while. Coast is a cruddy—a young Western millionaire who works upon the principle that the chief rule in the ethics of life is to get what you are after, and use all means at command for the purpose. He is a bit above the mark, and yet he is not the traditional villain for all that. Mr. James Carow is the actor, and his shadings save the characterization.

The role of the hairdresser is in the hands of George Lawrence, to whom Mr. Fitch has kindly given the best of the comedy lines, inclusive of those which serve as the keynote of the play. These make up the observation addressed to the back of Mrs. Goodwin's shapely head, and the rest of her beauty and her style are to be trusted. The present is her first season as a star with her own organization, and she is harvesting the dollars, wisely dividing with a well-balanced company. Fanny Addison Pitt is a clever, down-to-earth, and cruddy, who would be girlish, even if hair-dyeing were indispensable to the process; Nellie Thorne, as the socially-ambitious but empty-headed wife fits the part of R. C. Herz, as the ruined husband is a down-trodden and cruddy, and the requirements of the dramatic action demand; and Charles Cherry makes all that he can out of the somewhat colorless hero.

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THE GRAND'S BIG WEEK.

Two matinees today, beginning at 2.30, and three evening performances to-night bring to a close one of the most enjoyable programmes yet presented at the Grand Theatre on Johnson street, business having been large during the entire week. All of the acts are good but probably the greatest amusement is furnished by the moving pictures, which are the funniest imaginable. A strong bill is prepared for the coming week, particulars of which will appear in tomorrow's issue. As Monday is to be observed as a holiday, two matinees will be given, commencing at 2.30.

Mrs. G. C. Hodges, of Nelson, accompanied by her children, is visiting Mrs. J. H. Greer, her sister, on Pandora street.

WHALES ON THEIR HOLIDAYS.

Prof. Goldlob has been telling the Christians Academy of Science the results of his investigations into the migrations of whales. These creatures hang about the coast of Norway and Finland until the spring is well advanced, and then they go away on their long journey to the Azores, others to Bermuda, and the Antilles, and they cover these enormous distances in an incredibly short time. Some of them bring back harpoons which bear the names of ships and other evidences of their summer holidays.

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A plan of the site with description thereof has been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate of each has been deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.

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NOTICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Hon. F. Carter, C.M.G., President of the Executive Council, the Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance, David Russell Ker, of the City of Victoria, Esquire, and John James Hantz of the City of Vancouver, Esquire, to be Commissioners under the "Public Inquiries Act" for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting upon the petition of the "Assessment Association" with respect to its practical bearings on the financial requirements of the Province.

The said Commissioners will hold their first meeting at the office of the Minister of Finance, on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1905, at 10 a. m., of which all persons interested are hereby to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
20th December, 1904.

NOTICE.

Re Foreshore for Fishing Purposes.

NOTICE is hereby given that the time for receiving tenders for leases of foreshore for salmon fishing purposes is extended up to and including Wednesday, 1st February, 1905.

W. S. GORE,
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Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 22nd December, 1904. d25

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A GRATIFYING RECORD.

Some days ago the Colonist announced that British Columbia fruit had won another gold medal at the show held under the auspices of the Royal Horticultural Society in London, Eng. The news was received by cable, and, of course, the details were very meagre. A letter has been received, which is published in another column, confirming the cable. The Province, therefore, has made the unprecedented record of winning two gold medals in the same year. They were won in a competition in both cases in competition with colonial fruit. British Columbia as a result has been brought into great prominence. The importance for the present rests rather in the attention that has been called to the capabilities of this Province in the direction of fruit growing than in demonstrating the commercial possibilities of our fruit in Great Britain, although the latter are not to be despised, having in view the time when we shall have a large surplus of fruit to export. Credit attaches to the Government for the practical policy it has undertaken in bringing the horticultural resources to the attention of the world through various exhibitions; but special credit is due to Hon. Mr. Turner, Agent-General, in London, through whose instrumentality the arrangements were made and carried out on the other side, and to Mr. R. M. Palmer, secretary of the Bureau of Provincial Information, who selected the fruit and forwarded it. We feel sure the public will be glad to know that through their united efforts something has been accomplished to give the Province an enviable distinction.

The Ottawa Free Press, inspired by the La Presse incident of Montreal, so "loquizes on the value of newspapers. The La Presse, which sold for one million and a quarter dollars, is worth it. Hugh Graham, of the Montreal Star puts a value of a million dollars on his paper, and would pay fair dividends on a capitalization of that figure. The Toronto Globe pays a profit of 8 per cent. on half a million dollars, and the Toronto Telegram would pay 10 per cent. on a similar capitalization. The Toronto World proprietor was recently offered \$500,000 for his property, and refused. A few years ago he was busy keeping the sheriff off his premises. But don't let our readers imagine that starting newspapers is an easy road to fortune. The Conservatives of Ontario spent \$800,000 in trying to make the old Empire stick in opposition to the Mail, and the journalistic boneyard is full of remains of such enterprises. The value of a paper is largely determined by the amount of money it takes to establish one. From \$75,000 to \$100,000 is required to put a modern plant in place, and it takes years of investment and hard work, after that, before it is established as property on a paying or even a staying basis. There is nothing so hard, however, to kill as a newspaper after it once gets its roots in.

According to figures compiled by E. M. Sandilands, mining broker, Sandon, the silver-lead mines of the Slocan have paid in dividends up to date \$4,763,297. The amounts are given by mines, and we presume are fairly accurate. In this connection, the Sandon Standard, from which the above is taken, states that the year just drawing to a close has not seen the revival of the mining industry that was anticipated. It was thought that the much talked of bounty would give a stimulus that has not been produced, and the Standard says that the year closes with pretty much the same conditions as have existed for some years past. It adds: "The bounty cannot change the existing change of affairs. The local legislature may help materially to bring about a change, by enacting stable laws that would cause capital to come in and invest. Our greatest need is capital." For our own part, we do not know in what respect the present laws are unstable. It certainly won't make them more stable by changing them. The Standard would do a public service by indicating the nature of the changes that would lead to the introduction of more capital, and we feel certain that the Minister of Mines would be only too pleased to give them every consideration possible.

The general understanding is that the St. Louis exhibition financially was a failure, but Petrus S. Wade in a letter to the press says that it has, as well as a great university of learning to the millions, been a great promoter of business interests of all classes. In fact, the development of St. Louis has been marvelous ever since the suggestion to celebrate the Louisiana Purchase was made by the Louisiana Missouri Historical Society in 1898. Taxable wealth, private capital, bank clearings, wholesale trade, etc., etc., have all doubled since that time. We fear that the comparison is dated too far back to be admitted as a business proposition. If the development can be traced to that source there must be much more in suggestion that the world has ever acknowledged before.

Senator Templeman, that great authority on Finance, suggested to a reporter in Vancouver that if the Provincial Government had added one or two ex-mayors and city assessors to the Assessment Commission that it would have relieved that body "of all fear of being charged with being under corporate influence." The Commission is not troubled by any fears of that kind, and certainly would not worry about charges brought by a member of a Government that is carried in the breeches pockets of Senator Cox and Manager Hays.

No other man has done so much for the cause of reform in Russia as Count Tolstoy, and yet when a practical scheme of reform is in sight he is one of the most vigorous of its opponents. That is not unusual in the history of great movements. The Apostle of Change is not always the best judge of the form which change should take. The man who stimulates is not always the man who can organize the activities he sets into operation.

An Eastern exchange says that, after a long series of resignations, Hon. A. G. Blair must now be resigned to oblivion.

If Mrs. Chadwick wants to restore her shattered fortunes she should write a book entitled "Hypnotic Eyes; and How to Work Them on American Bankers."

The University of Oregon is doing some useful work by publishing bulletins of the water powers of that State. We would recommend the Provincial Government to issue a bulletin on the water powers of British Columbia.

The Morning Chronicle, of Halifax, editorially says that "the report which comes from Victoria, B. C., that the Federal Government has decided to build three first-class cruisers for the Canadian coast may or not be correct." It would be more likely to be authentic if the report came from Ottawa, where the members of the Government reside and come to their decisions.

The production of pig iron for the year 1904, estimated upon figures of monthly production up until the 1st of December, 16,100,000 tons, as compared with 18,000,250 tons in 1903, 17,821,305 in 1902, 15,878,354 in 1901, and 13,789,242 in 1900, the last having been the highest up to that date. Nineteen hundred and four, though a quiet year, was nevertheless a good one, as the figures show.

The Montreal Gazette publishes the complete returns of the Dominion elections by Provinces, which is enabled to do through the holding of the final election in the Yukon. The Liberal majority in the House is 64, exactly ten more than in the previous election of 1901. The returns are as follows:

	Con.	Lib.
Quebec	11	54
Ontario	48	38
New Brunswick	6	7
Nova Scotia	0	18
Prince Edward Island	3	1
Manitoba	3	1
British Columbia	0	1
The Territories	4	1
	75	129

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

CHINESE IN SCHOOL.

Sir—We hear much about giving the Chinese separate tuition, but no one has mentioned the Chinese term after term our children are kept down in school, on the plea that there is no room, yet Chinese children are constantly increasing in number. If there is no accommodation enough for our boys and girls to be promoted, why are the Chinese being admitted every new term? With apologies for using your valuable time.

A PARENT.

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New York Evening Sun.
A herd of aboriginal, wild white cattle, which has been confined for nearly 700 years in Chartley Park, Staffordshire, England, on the hereditary estate of the Earl Ferrers, is to be sold. The park, consisting of 800 acres, was divided into three herds numbered as many as 43, but numbers now only nine. It was shut up in the year 1248.

WHERE THE PULL COMES IN.

Stratford Beacon.

They have no parcel post or post office savings bank in the United States. One of the reasons given for parcels post not being established is that Senator Platt, the Republican boss in New York state, who is the president of one of the great express companies, thinks it would interfere with his business. The bankers, doubtless, succeed in preventing the establishment of the post office savings bank for a similar reason. The big interests across the line seem to have everything their own way.

GOMPER'S TO THE SOCIALISTS.

Samuel Gomper.

I have kept close watch upon your doctrines for thirty years; have been closely associated with many of you, and know how you think and what you propose. I know, too, what you have up your sleeve, and I want to say that I am entirely at variance with your philosophy. I declare to you, I am not only at variance with your doctrines, but with your philosophy. Actually, you are unsound; socially you are wrong; industrially you are impossible.

A HOT HANDFUL.

Brookville Times.

The removal of the British North Atlantic fleet causes an Old Reader of the Brookville Eagle to write to that paper suggesting that now would be a good time "to grab Canada." This friendly and neighborly spirit seems to reflect the sentiment of the masses of the people in the United States—and it is the mass that rules in the republic, not the comparatively small gentry which is genuinely friendly to Great Britain. The mass which has taken down Union Jacks and bitterly reviles that hated monarchy, England. However, the hand that "grabs Canada" is likely to get severely stung.

WHAT THE BISHOP INTENDED TO SAY.

Montreal Star.

Bishop Archambault, of Joliette, is out with a statement that, in speaking to the local students recently, he did not declare for an independent French Canada, as had been reported. If the word "French" had been used it was a slip of the tongue. He had not thought of appealing to racial feelings or prejudices. His speech was intended to put his hearers in an attitude of preparedness for the day when Canada might be called into the sovereign nation class. Canada's freedom and independence would, said the bishop, come about naturally. It would be folly to speak of the racial relations existing between Great Britain and Canada as irksome, for the French-Canadian citizens in common with other British subjects, enjoyed the full measure of British liberty.

EXTRAORDINARY HAND AT WHIST.

London Daily Mail.

A wonderful hand at whist was played at the St. Paul's Institute, Grimsby. The cards were shuffled and dealt in the usual way, but when the players looked at their hands they found that one of them (the dealer) had 12 spades, another 11 hearts, the third man 12 diamonds, and the fourth 11 clubs. Spades were trumps, and the lucky dealer simply threw in his hand and claimed the 12 tricks.

A FOOLISH DICTIONARY.

"The Foolish Dictionary," just published by Messrs. Denn & Son, is a collection of original and highly entertaining definitions. Some of its lines are very worth moving:

Adversity.—A bottomless lake surrounded by near-sighted friends.
Appendicitis.—A modern pain costing forty pounds more than the old-fashioned stomach-ache.
Benediction.—A married male.
Benediction.—A married female.
Benediction.—Their children.
Engagement.—In war, a battle. In love, a real hostilities.
Home.—Where the mortgage is.
Hypocrisy.—Woman's excuse for walking in the wet.

Telegram.—A form of correspondence sent by a man in a hurry, and carried by a boy in a sleep.

\$50,000,000 YEARLY FOR GOLF.

Springfield Union.

Would you imagine that something like \$50,000,000 could be spent yearly on the game of golf? To begin with, there are 870 golf clubs in England, 700 in the United States, 632 in Canada, 124 in Ireland, 43 in Wales, and 103 in different parts of the continent.

Cut This Out for 1905

There's so much in the best of us -
And so much good in the worst of us,
That it hardly behooves any of us
To talk about the rest of us.

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DEATHS IN THE ALPS.

For fatal accidents in Alpine climbing the season of 1904 beats the record by far. Nearly 300 accidents have occurred this summer, while last year the number only reached 148. The accidents have increased eightfold within the last seven years. Most of the disasters do not befall regular climbers, but the inexperienced, without guides, and especially young people attempting to gather edelweiss in dangerous places.

There are, all told, probably not less than 3,000 organizations devoted to golf playing.

These clubs, counting their grounds, buildings and preliminary expenses, represent a permanent investment of \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000; and comparatively few of them can be sold at a yearly expense of less than \$5,000. The average membership is about 200 and the average yearly subscription of these 600,000 golf players amount to nearly \$20,000,000. Each of the players is equipped with an outfit that costs on an average about \$20; and the yearly purchase of golf clubs, all over the world, amounts, therefore, to several million of dollars.

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White liberty satin is extremely effective and a youthful looking fabric.
Liberty silk is pretty, but a poor investment where economy is a factor.
Peau de soie in white may be worn, but the colored silk is too old.

A white cloth costume will be useful for many occasions later, and may be draped softly, so as not to appear stiff.

SCOTCH MEMORIES.

The law of irregular marriages in Scotland is admirably stated in verses which were composed in 1688 by an eminent Scotch judge, the late Lord Neaves. They are as follows:

Ye tourists who Scotland would enter,
The summer or autumn to pass;
I'll tell you how far you may venture
To flirt with your lad or your lass;
How close you may come upon marriage,
Still keeping the wiles of the law.

And not by some foolish misarrangement,
Get wood'n married an' a'.

This maxim itself might content ye,
"That marriage is made by consent,"
Provided it's done de present,
And marriage is really what's meant.

Suppose that young Jock and Jenny
Say, "We two are husband and wife."
The witnesses needn't be many,
They're instantly buckled for life.

Suppose the man only has spoken,
The woman just givin' a nod,
They're spliced by that very same token,
"Till one of them's under the sod.

Though words would be bolder and blunter,
The want of them isn't a flaw;
For out of a legal quarrel,
Is good consistorial law.

If people are drunk or delirious,
The marriage, if carried out, had be;
Or if they're not sober and serious,
But acting a play or charade,
It's had if it's only a cover
For a laughing and a jest.

A third way of tying the tether,
Which sometimes may happen to suit,
Is living a good while together,
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But you who are general strangers,
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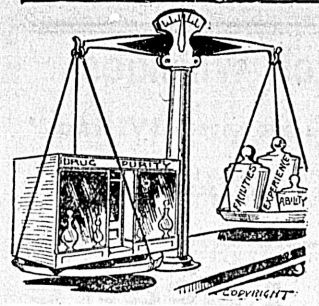
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Held Dance—The Cowichan Hockey Club held an enjoyable dance at Danicans on Wednesday. Bantley's orchestra furnished music for the occasion, which was greatly enjoyed by a large number.

Sugar is Dearer—Yesterday another advance was made in the price of sugar. The raise was one-quarter of a cent on each pound, to twenty-five cents on the barrel. Whereas, the price in the past for one hundred pounds of sugar was \$5.75, it is now \$6.

Won't Talk Salmon—Mr. Richard Hall, M. P., was seen at his office yesterday and asked for his views on the present condition of the salmon industry. Mr. Hall politely declined to discuss salmon at the moment, saying that it was seals now, but he would be willing to give a first-rate spiel, but salmon—never.

From the Kloober—John G. Johnston, of Dawson, has returned from a six weeks' vacation at the Kloober, Green river, hot springs, where he thoroughly enjoyed himself. Mr. Johnston highly recommends the place to his friends as a pleasure and health resort. The Kloober is a wonderful cure for many ailments and everything possible is done for the amusement of the guests. The orchestra plays at most times and during the evening entertainment. The Kloober is situated at an elevation of 1,500 feet above sea level, about seventy miles from Seattle via the Northern Pacific.

First Class Work—Comment of an enthusiastically favorable kind is heard everywhere regarding the latest issue of the British Columbia Mining Exchange, published in Vancouver by Mr. George Sheldon Williams. Letterpress and illustrations are superb examples of those arts, the pictures having come out with admirable clearness. The writing is fully up to the high standard familiar to readers of this excellent and well-known mining publication. Mr. Sheldon Williams is fully entitled to all compliments which he is receiving on all hands from competent judges.

Death's Hand—The death occurred yesterday at the family residence on Johnson street, of Henry Charles Lawson, an engineer who has been employed for many years on vessels plying in British Columbia waters. He was a native of Denmark and was 71 years of age. Three sons and three daughters survive him, all resident in Victoria. The sons are Henry D. D., Richard W., and Charles Alfred Lawson, and the daughters, Anna Selma, Beatrice Easton, and Mrs. D. R. Young. The late Mr. Lawson came to Victoria in 1892. He was employed as an engineer in the O. R. & N. and later in the C. P. N. and C. P. R. services. He was a member of the Victoria Yacht Club, the Victoria Golf Club, and the Victoria Tennis Club. He was a devoted family man and a highly respected member of the community.

THREATENED SUICIDE.
Geo. Littlewood, Saddened by Wife's Death Causes Alarm to Friends.

Geo. Littlewood, whose wife died on Monday and was interred on Wednesday, is in the hands of the police. He threatened suicide, stating that he had a call from his wife. The unfortunate man has been despondent since the death of his wife, and drinking did not allay his grief; rather it seems to have had a reverse effect. It seems that Littlewood on Thursday morning, December 29, had a call from his wife, and a note which said: "It is now 7:25 p. m. I will be dead at 8 o'clock." It also stated that he wanted to be buried in the same grave as his wife. This note was handed to the city police, nothing having been heard of the writer. It was feared that he had carried out his threat. Soon after the first note was received by the police, a telephone message was received from a person who said the Colonel hotel, at Beacon hill, which went to show that Littlewood had not carried out his threatened suicide, but it seemed that he had but postponed the execution of his threat. Mr. Stewart was suspicious because of the action of Littlewood, and he sent Prof. Rob. Foster to watch him; he also opened the note, which stated that Littlewood wanted to be buried at Beacon hill and go out to the beach at Beacon hill and end his life.

When the police were notified of this note, which was written at 1:15 p. m., Sgt. Redgrave and Constables Beck and Fry went out to Beacon hill with the patrol wagon. The constables searched all along the beach and in the neighborhood but failed to find any trace of a suicide. They questioned people they met, and ultimately located Littlewood on the road from the Old Men Home, just as he was about to enter the road. He ran as soon as he saw the police, who gave chase. The wagon, with Constable Fry, was hurried to Fairfield road, and Sgt. Redgrave and Constable Beck followed the runaway. He jumped a fence and dashed across the lot towards Mrs. Short's premises, the sergeant and constable in hot pursuit. It was a hard run, but ultimately the wagon was headed off by the patrol wagon, just as the runaway was about to be sprung on him from behind.

Littlewood said he had "a call from his wife, and was going to join her." He is held for safe keeping.

THE 20TH CENTURY PLAN.
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TO COUNTERFEIT CANADIAN COINS

Mould for Reproducing Bogus Coins Found Near Everett.

By means of an anonymous letter written by a man in Vancouver, B. C., to the chief of police of that city, and forwarded to the police department of Everett, Captain B. W. Bell, of the United States secret service, was made what he considers an important capture of counterfeit material, and it is probable that several arrests will soon be made in the case. Six moulds for reproducing American and Canadian silver money were found by Captain Bell in the woods near the Broadway bridge in Everett Wednesday evening.

Who the anonymous letter writer is, Capt. Bell has no means of ascertaining, and the police of Vancouver appear to be equally in the dark. His communication was a lengthy one and his statements rambling. It showed, however, that he had kept close tab on the counterfeiting gang and knew their every movement. The letter described in detail just where the moulds could be found. The writer stated that he was a business man of Vancouver and Everett and that if the counterfeiters got wind of the fact that he had given them away they would probably "burn him out."

Six moulds were captured in the raid, and consisted of moulds for making American nickels, half dollars and dollars and Canadian quarters. That the moulds have been used considerably was evident. They are rough, however, and not capable of turning out coin that would "pass muster with anyone at all." They were found cached under some leaves in the bushes, and, if the surmise of the man who warned the authorities is correct, the men owning the moulds were about to endeavor to send them over the border.

In the letter three men are mentioned as being in the "gang." Capt. Bell has interrogated a couple of them. They are all-around bad characters, he states, with no visible means of support. Evidence is being quietly collected against all three.

FROM ATLIN ON BUSINESS.
Lady Meets With Misfortune On Reaching This City This Week.

Two or three days ago the wife of the proprietor of one of the principal hotels in Atlin City arrived in Victoria. In riding from the wharf to her hotel with three other persons, she lost her purse, containing \$450 and some valuable papers. All enquiries failed to find the missing purse, and an advertisement in the newspapers met with no greater success. The police have since been formed, and are now doing their best to lay hands on the missing treasure. The lady's husband is the contractor for carrying the mails in Atlin, and possesses what is said to be the finest band of huskies in the whole north country. Each of the animals cost \$150, and their fine qualities are so keenly appreciated in the camp that several of them have already been stolen by admiring friends. Speaking about conditions in the Atlin camp the lady said that there was dissatisfaction regarding the recording of claims, there being a good deal of "jumping" practiced. There could be no question as to the richness of the country. Its wealth as a gold proposition had been ascertained beyond doubt, and within five years Atlin would be famous the world over for its output of the precious metal. Referring to Mrs. Hitchcock, author of the well-known book "Two Women in the Klondike," the lady from Atlin said that great sympathy was felt for her throughout the Atlin district, for she had been swindled in the most cruel way by many of the men whom she had trusted to manage her affairs when she was in the south attending to other business. Mrs. Hitchcock has the experience now and the agents have the property. Her wealth as a gold proposition had been ascertained beyond doubt, and within five years Atlin would be famous the world over for its output of the precious metal.

What Some People Say

That "G. O. M." as applied to Premier Ross of Ontario, probably means "Good-bye, Old Man."

That the Klondike, as represented by Mr. Congdon, produces more gold than gold.

That if the telephone trust is really so anxious to get poles, it should go to Poland.

That none of the prospective candidates for civic office are personally anxious for place and power. They are merely patriotic in their desire to save the city, and meet the "earnest solicitation of many friends."

That the box plan for Maxine Elliott's performance looked as though it had been entered with a new broom.

That with eggs at seventy cents a dozen, the humble hen should be able to afford scalps this winter.

That the woman who will not wait twenty minutes for change out of her half dollar on a 40-cent bargain is abnormal.

That few girls can understand that the woman who is least talked about may nevertheless be the most popular.

That poetry based upon the unsubstantial quality "beautiful snow" is still out of season.

That the grouse will enjoy the New Year's holiday better than the Christmas.

That diaries and the resolution to keep them faithfully are now in order.

That most of the Christmas toys are already in the hospital.

That this winter hasn't a backbone to break at the proper moment.

That there are a few wise girls who will postpone the weddings until people have forgotten that 1904 was Leap Year.

That it is high time to begin practicing "1905."

That the plumbers aren't satisfied with this wintry weather.

That old Ninteen O Four is getting very wobbly.

That the small boy in quest of calendars is again the bete noir of the busy merchant.

Salvation Army—A special musical meeting will be held at the Salvation Army hall this evening. Cake and coffee will be served after meeting. All are invited to attend.

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Contraband On Steamer Tacoma

Will Carry Beef From Seattle for Soldiers of the Czar.

Other Liners Will Probably Follow—Anubis to Load Lumber Here.

It is not improbable that the steamer Tacoma, of the Northwest Commercial Company, now loading at Seattle for the Orient, may be intercepted by a Japanese man-of-war. The steamer's owners announce that she will carry a cargo of general merchandise to Shanghai, but it is stated that her cargo will consist of 1,700 tons of "bully" beef for the soldiers of the Czar. The Seattle Times says: "Every barrel is marked 'Mess Beef' and is filled to 'E. B. Co., Shanghai.' The beef was put up by Swift & Co., of Chicago. In all there will be about 100 carloads, with 100 barrels to the car. The beef cargo to be taken from Seattle by the steamer Tacoma is the first large shipment since war broke out between Russia and Japan. Prior to that time the Russian government bought many tons of meat for the soldiers stationed at various ports in Siberia.

"At the time the beef was taken to Vladivostok or Alexandrovsk. When war was declared the shipments ceased and the Tacoma's cargo is the first to go to the Orient in many months. According to local customs house officials the shipments of beef to Shanghai were never large, and it is the general opinion of the United States inspectors that the meat is intended for the Russian army.

"It is the opinion of some steamship men along the water front that the Tacoma's cargo will be transhipped at Shanghai. Sailing vessels may take the meat to Vladivostok or attempt to run the blockade at Arthur. While there is a rumor that the Tacoma would go to a Russian port on the Siberian coast after clearing from Seattle, there is some speculation as to whether John Rose would take such great chances. So far the names of the charterers of the Tacoma, and the nature of the cargo have not been made public at the offices of the company, and much secrecy is maintained.

"It is very likely that Mr. Rose will announce within the next few days that the steamer Olympia has been chartered for a voyage to Shanghai. The company's steamer Olympia may also be sent across the Pacific with provisions for the Russian army if the demand for beef continues. If the Tacoma discharges her cargo at Shanghai, as is now announced, it is likely that coasting vessels will convey the beef to a Russian port."

AORANGI DAMAGED.

Steam Collier Edith Collided With Her at Vancouver.

While coaling at Vancouver on Thursday the Australian steamer Aorangi was run into by the steam collier Edith, and her jibboom, foremast and headgear carried away. A high wind was blowing and the Edith, while trying to make a berth at the bunkers, was carried by wind and current and sheered over against the Aorangi. The damage is said to be about \$2,000.

HAS BIG CARGO.

Minnesota Will Carry 25,000 Tons to the Orient.

Steamer Minnesota, which is to sail on her first trip to Japan, China and Manila on January 28, will carry a full cargo of freight. Mr. Sutherland, agent of the company, announces that 25,000 tons has been booked. Many applications are being received for passage, and it is probable that the steamer will carry a good complement. It is expected that she will have many excursionists.

Capt. Rinder will probably make no changes in the Minnesota's crew, though the system for the more serious diseases, among which are the two greatest destroyers of human life, pneumonia and consumption.

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Success Of B. C. Fruit

Received Gold Medal at the Colonial Fruit Show Held in London.

Hon. J. H. Turner Writes of the Show—London Merchants Interested.

Hon. J. H. Turner, agent general for British Columbia in England, has written to R. M. Palmer, of the Bureau of Information, regarding the exhibit of British Columbia fruit at the Colonial Fruit Show of the Royal Horticultural Society, held at Vincent Square, Westminster, London, S. W., from December 12 to 15. Mr. Turner says:

R. M. Palmer, Esq., Victoria, B. C.:
Dear Mr. Palmer—The Colonial Fruit Show of the Royal Horticultural Society was a private view to the press and invited guests on Monday, 12, at 5 p. m., and to the public on the 13th, closing last evening.

The show as a whole was not so good as was expected, owing to the fact that apparently the governments of the other fruit growing provinces have not taken it up very thoroughly. Nova Scotia had, however, a good, though rather small, exhibit. What purported to be at first Ontario, but was afterwards changed and labeled Dominion of Canada, was about the same in size as Nova Scotia. The fruit was good. I believe this exhibit was sent by the Dominion commercial agent, Bristol, the Nova Scotia agent, I thought, excellent, but British Columbia came far ahead; there was much more of it, and the apples looked wonderfully attractive. We had second, I think, for the best position in the hall, having practically a large raised compartment of the hall all to ourselves. As you know, the fruit had been lying and waiting for a month, and I felt a little nervous about it, and personally saw most of the cases and a selection made from each for the tables. It really was the great feature of the show, next to the West Indian display of tropical fruits of all kinds. It is really quite remarkable what an attraction there appears to be to the British Columbia fruit here now; our section was crowded all day. There was a great demand for bulbs, of which we distributed hundreds. When it was known that British Columbia had again received the highest award, the gold medal, we were heartily congratulated on all hands. I am confident that there will be many orders from here to take up fruit land in our province next year. But now the London fruit merchants have got strongly interested. The secretary of the Army and Navy Stores called on me at the show to know if we could sell any of the fruit. I replied that it had been the intention to do so, but that if a concern like the Army and Navy Stores wished to make a specialty of it, I would have the whole carefully examined so that none but perfect fruit would be offered to the public, and thus make a few cases for them. This is now being done, and I hope to have the decision of the Army and Navy Stores about it tomorrow. I called the Stores today and they informed me that they would like to make arrangements for obtaining regular supplies next year. This is of great importance, as if the Army and Navy Stores make a specialty of our fruit, the other big concerns, such as Harrod's, Whiteley's and others, must have them. At first their requirements will only be for special dessert fruit, picked carefully and packed in up-to-date way. Today I have a letter from Messrs. Gairdner of Covent Garden; they are probably the greatest and wealthiest fruit merchants here. I send you the letter. You will see that they are very interested in our fruit. Mr. Gairdner and Co., who are their agents in Oregon, about the matter. I have just called to see Mr. Garcia, and find that he knows all there is to know about the fruit, and wants to take it up, as you see he believes most in Newtown Pippins and Spitz, but also speaks highly of Ganoes. The fact is, Newtown Pippins, which is the best apple; the few sent look as if just picked. Mr. Garcia is also anxious to get pears. You will understand that such large concerns as the Army and Navy Stores and Harrod's would like to do business direct, and it can be arranged by me if the growers are inclined to try the business next season. Will you try to ascertain about this and let me know, so that I can advise you as to their requirements? I shall report fully on all the fruit we have shown in my next letter, as to its packing, suitability for market, etc.

CARLETON ASHORE.

The American bark Carleton, which dragged her anchor in the gale Wednesday to a point near the north shore of Bellin Bay, early yesterday morning stranded on the beach. The heavy wind sprang up again and the anchor had been lifted. The tide is much higher than at any previous time that the vessel is carried well up on the shore and will be practically out of the water when it recedes. She is resting on soft mud, and little fear of damage is felt.

WANT CHARTER MONEY.

Alaska S.S. Co. Sues Bellingham Y. M. C. A.

Proceedings have been commenced in Seattle courts against the Young Men's Christian Association of Bellingham by the Alaska Steamship Company for \$450 alleged to be due as balance on a charter of the steamer Dolphin.

According to the papers filed in the case, the association chartered the Dolphin last August for the purpose of taking an excursion to Race Point, just off Victoria. The charter price was \$600 and of this sum it is alleged that only \$150 has been paid, and the steamship company prays that a motion be issued that the vessel be granted the sum in question together with interest and costs.

MARINE NOTES.

The German steamer Anubis, one of the Kosmos liners, which was to have sailed from San Francisco yesterday, is coming to Victoria to load a large consignment of railway sleepers for South America.

The sealing schooner Eva Marie is on the ways of the Victoria Machinery Dept. undergoing repairs.

THE TIDES.

Low water 3:15 a.m.
High water 10:02 a.m.
Low water 5:50 p.m.

THOUGHTFUL THESPIANS.

Mr. Redmond and His Company Visit The Home for the Aged.

At the Home for the Aged and Infirm yesterday afternoon the most enjoyable time was spent since the institution was opened. Mr. Redmond and his company gave the following programme:

The two sisters Mullally opened with a song, which evoked great applause, being encored no fewer than three times. Madame Meeze gave a recitation, which made the old men roar; Miss Pinkie Mullally contributed a song and dance, and was encored six times. Mr. Clyde E. Granger gave a recitation which moved the inmates to such an extent that Mr. Redmond, who was seated at the piano, had to leave his chair. Little Lillian gave a dance and recitation; this time the old men were in convulsions of laughter, Lillian being encored about seven or eight times. "The Bird" rendered a recitation in his own inimitable style. This ended the programme, all too short for the old men's liking, and such remarks could have been heard as: "Why I could sit for hours to see that." "When are they coming again?" etc. All are greatly pleased to think that Mr. Redmond and his company thought of the old men during the festive season, and hope that this entertainment is the forerunner of many more.—Com.

MASONS MAKE MERRY.

Wednesday's Ball at Cumberland a Brilliant Affair.

Cumberland, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The most brilliant function ever held in Cumberland was the Masonic grand ball of Wednesday. No pains or expense had been spared to make the affair a success. The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, flags and electric lights. At 9:45 the Masons' Band's orchestra from Victoria supplied exquisite music and at midnight a move was made to the dining room, where Mrs. J. H. Bird presided. The Cumberland hotel, had ready a splendid supper admirably served. Dancing was kept up continuously until 5 a. m. The following is a partial list of the guests: Mr. and Mrs. P. Whyte, Mrs. W. Whyte, Miss and Mrs. A. McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Baird, Mr. R. E. Walker, and the Misses L. E. J. and Miss McNeil, Dr. and Mrs. Millard, Mr. J. and the Misses Urquhart, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. A. McLaughlin, Miss Drew, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Christmas, Dr. and Mrs. Clinton and Miss Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hennie and Miss Austin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bickie, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Doherty, Miss Brightman, Mr. and Mrs. Risk and Mr. W. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. McLellan, Mr. and Mrs. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Miss Vass, Mr. and Mrs. Neill, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hudson; the Misses Laphell and Miss Bate and Miss and Mrs. McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. R. McNeil, Miss Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay.

Some of the ladies were exquisitely dressed, some elaborate, all lovely. A few dresses were of the Thomas Hudson, black silk crepe de chine, with a trimming of silk hand embroidered pink carnations, a magnificent costume seldom equaled; Mrs. D. Kilpatrick, black silk with silk net overskirt and silver trimmings; Mrs. G. McLaughlin, blue tulle silk black net overskirt; Miss Urquhart, cream crepe de chine, burnt orange trimmings; Mrs. George Urquhart, cream silk, sequin trimmings. There were other lovely costumes, but space forbids description.

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It is too late this season to make a trial shipment, but I hope that another year the experiment will be carried out. The apples should be packed exactly the same as the Oregon Newtowns, which are sent in carloads, and reach this market in splendid condition. Any further information that you may require I shall be very pleased to place at your disposal.

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